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Title: A COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INTERCONNECTED

NETWORKS HAVING A LINEAR TOPOLOGY, ESPECIALLY RAILWAYS

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Sir:

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